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- 1. THE COUNSELOR OF CUSTOMS FOR THE BRUSSELS AREA ADVISED AT EMBOFF 18 JULY 1973 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS FOR ANTWERP WILL NO LONGER ALLOW CLEARANCES OF TAX-FREE LIQUOR AND GASOLINE ORDERS FOR AMCONGEN ANTWERP.
- 2. THE COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT SUCH CLEARANCES COULD BE DONE ONLY ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND BECAUSE THE USG DID NOT EXTEND SUCH PRIVILEGES TO BELGIAN CONSULATES IN THE US, THE PRIVILEGE COULD NO LONGER BE EXTENDED TO US CONGEN ANTWERP.
- 3. THE COUNSELOR SAID ALSO THAT THE BRUSSELS CUSTOMS DIRECTOR WAS ALLOWING THE US EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS TO CLEAR GROUP ORDERS FOR LIQUOR AND CIGARETTES FOR SALE IN ITS EMBASSY STORE DESPITE THE FACT SUCH A PROCEDURE WAS NOT PERMITTED FOR BELGIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON.
- 4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SPECIFICALLY WHAT TAX FREE PRIVILEGES ARE OR ARE NOT EXTENDED TO OFFICIAL BELGIAN PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE IN THE US. BOOCHEVER

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